own set of giudelines. There is no proposal before the Government to extend the guidelines applicable to the Reserve Bank Services Board to the commercial banks/Banking Service Recruitment Boards.

(c) No, Sir.

News-items captioned "Revival package for 14 NTC mills in WB"

*230. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Business Standard, Calcutta of 30th April, 1990 under the caption "Revival package for 14 NTC mills in WB";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the NTC mills in West Bengal had not completed the modernisation schemes as were envisaged during the earlier Plan period due to lack of will; and

(d) what further action is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news-item makes a reference to the following:—

(i) Recommendations of the two member Committee consisting of CMD, NTC Limited, New Delhi and Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal on the measures for improving the performance of NTC mills in West Bengal;

(ii) proposal of NTC for restructuring of mills under NTC (WBAB&O);

(iii) Proposal for sale of Surplus Land available with NTC mills with a view to raise funds for investment in modernisation of NTC mills.

(c) No, Sir. However, due to resource constraints, expansion programme amounting to Rs. 3.27 crores in respect of three NTC units in West Bengal were pruned down during the 6th Plan period.

(d) The Central Government had constituted a two member Committee consisting of Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal and CMD, NTC Limited, New Delhi to go into various problems of NTC mills located in West Bengal and to suggest future course of action. NTC has also appointed M/s. National Industrial Development Corporation Limited to study and submit resfructuring/modernisation of the NTC mills in West Bengal.

The further course of action for modernisation and revival of NTC mills in West Bengal aims at improving the economic performance, better capacity utilisation, improvement in quality and quantity of yarn production etc. through doption of short-term remedial measures as well as long term plans, keeping in view economic viability of the NTC mills in West Bengal.

Steps to curb benami transactions

*231. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take steps to curb benami transactions to make the holding of wealth in benami difficult; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to make it more difficult for assessees to hold wealth in 'benami' forms, the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act is being reviewed to make it more effective for curbing benami transactions.

Filling up of reserved vacancies by General candidates in projects and Equipment Corporation

*232. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Projects and Equipment Corporation, New Delhi a large number of reserved vacancies have been filled up by general candidates without giving any opportunity to the SC/ST candidates;

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to get these posts vacated from general candidates and filled up by the SC/ST candidates;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the campus interviews conducted by PEC for the management trainees (Engineer), the SC/ST engineers were not called for interview and only general candidates were selected; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against P.E.C. for not implementing the reservation directives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Identification of New Places of Tourist .. .. interest in U.P.

*233. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether some new places of tourist interest have been identified in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken for their development

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) to (c) The Central Department of Tourism do not identify places of tourist interest in the country. It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to identify such places. The Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance to State Governments' on the specific proposals keeping in view the merit *inter-se* priority and availability of funds. However, the Department in consultation with State Government of Uttar Pradesh are promoting the following travel circuits for development of tourism in the State:

I. *Pilgrimage/Historical Circuit*

Varanasi -Sarnath- Gorakhpur-Kushinagar- Pharenda- Sonauli-Piprawah (Kapilvastu)- Naugarh-Sravasti-Gonda -Ayodhya- Varanasi Lucknow.

II. Wild Life Circuit

(Delhi)-Moradabad- Kashipur-Ramnagar Corbett-Ranikhet-Corbett-Dudhwa-Lucknow-(Delhi).

III. *Adventure Circuit*

Kapkota- Lohari Khet- Dakuri-Khati-Dwali-Furkiya- Pindari Glacier an back.

IV. *Bundelkhand Circuit (with Madhya Pradesh)*

Jhansi-Orcha-Datia-Deogarh.

Production capacity of Salem Steel Plant

*234. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the proposal to increase the annual production capacity of Salem Steel Plant;